

An Apostolic Scene Repeated

Marshall O. Waggoner, of Toledo, Ohio, a lifelong infidel, has just been converted to Christianity, and as one of the proofs of his conversion he has announced his intention to burn a valuable agnostic library which he had collected at considerable expense. This is a modern repetition of the scene at Ephesus, when books to the amount of fifty thousand pieces of silver were burned by the multitude of converted heathen. Mr. Waggoner has been severely criticised by the newspapers, which set themselves up as the mentors of mankind. God save us.

Help Those Women

More than eighteen hundred years ago the Apostle Paul exhorted the brethren to help the women who have been faithful in the gospel of Christ. It was in an age when women needed help, when apparently at least she was the weaker vessel. It is not so today. If the Apostle Paul were living now and could see woman's activity in every department of church work, if he could see her in the foreign field doing missionary work, or at home devising means to raise money and *raise* it, or in the Sabbath-school teaching the children and leading them in the way of salvation, in the pulpit preaching, if he could see her leading the great army of temperance workers and other reforms and if on the other hand he could see men struggling along, gaping for breath to keep spiritually alive, if the Apostle Paul could see all this he would appeal to the sisters to "help those men."

He Careth For Me

In a moment of deep despondency the Psalmist exclaimed: "No man cared for my soul." Perhaps he was right. The unselfishness of a more spiritual gospel had not as yet softened the hard human heart. The world had not seen the wonderful vision of the Perfect One. In distress of mind and in peril of enemies, David felt the loneliness and isolation of a hunted, harried man, encompassed by the multitudes of the hostile or the indifferent. How joyously would he have welcomed that blessed invitation of our New Testament gospel: "Cast all your care upon him who careth for you." In experience, however, if not in revelation, he had more than one assurance of that heavenly care taking, and that is the reason he bursts so often into rapturous praise. Who has a right to be light-hearted and joyous; who has a right to sing, and fill the world and the ages with melody, if it is not the one who has really and truly cast all his cares, all his burdens on the Lord?

Is there anything outside of this gospel of Providence? Does it leave anything to be desired? Is there any interest of body, or mind, or soul, or life, or death, or time or

eternity unprovided for? Think you the divine care-taker will forget anything, or grow weary, or sleep, or overlook you in the multitude? Do you know what an honest acceptance of this blessed and beautiful truth will do? It will make you so happy that earth will seem as if it were heaven, and the world will say: "A religion like that is worth having; I will seek it." If we have not yet proved how beautiful the life in Christ can be, what a wide realm, like an amaranthine world beneath cerulean skies, awaits within our reach yet unexplored. Not for the strong man who in the pride of his strength feels that he can take care of himself; not for the successful man who for himself has unlocked the treasures of the world; but for the weak, the defeated, the man who has gone down in the world's fierce battle, the destitute, the aged, the forsaken, the lonely, come these sweet, comforting words out of the heart of Infinite Love: "He careth for thee."

Full Time

A lady said: "I am able to serve the Lord twenty-four hours a day." When asked how, she replied: "I try to serve him twelve hours while I am awake, and when I go to sleep at night I have a missionary in China whom I am supporting, and she serves him the other twelve." This is a new argument in favor of foreign missions, but it has a value in other respects also. It illustrates the idea of co-partnership in good works, by which opportunities are developed which otherwise would be impossible. If we find it difficult to accomplish effective work for the Lord on our own account, let us look for a co-laborer who can furnish those elements of success which we lack. It is an idea of great practical interest that in several ways we may put in, not only the whole twenty-four hours serving the Lord, but a great deal more besides. How can this be? We will tell you. Suppose you set on foot some of those works which "do follow them." There is a wonderful tendency in such works to multiply and to persevere indefinitely. They are cumulative, in a sort of mathematical progression, so that as the years and the ages go by, the result becomes incalculable, vast like eternity, o'erleaping the worlds and reaching out to the stars. Your endowment to the Publishing House sends out EVANGELISTS and other gospel literature generations after you have passed away. Your gift to the College equips young men for the ministry until the day that the Lord comes. All these go out, bearing the precious message, so that from your mansion in the beautiful city you can look down into the world and say to some celestial guest beside you, "See, I am still at work for the Master in yonder world where he suffered, and where there is so much need for the consolation of his wonderful love in

the hearts of the children of men." Oh, let us plan to put in full time. It is short enough at the best, but it is a marvelous thought that we may plan also to lengthen the brief moments into ages, and a lifetime into a cycle of eternities.

The Love and Grace of God

"God is love" is the sublimest and divinest statement in the book of Revelation. It is the great central truth of revelation, and in harmony with this blessed declaration, is the central declaration of the gospel, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The two great words of revelation are *love* and *grace*. Dr. Chalmers says, "The soul that makes the discovery that God is love is infallibly converted." What harm can come to a child of grace, a child of the king, in the hands of one whose very nature is love? However dark the hours may be, however gloomy and threatening to our dull senses, the God whose love and grace redeemed us, is full of tenderness and compassion, and under his divine government all things work together for good. He who is able to grasp and comprehend these two great truths of revelation, that God is love, and that by grace he saves, will not be disturbed though wave upon wave of God's billows roll over him. With profound confidence his soul rests sweetly in the divine declaration, "God is love."

It was Paul who declared, "Nothing shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus." Nothing! No, neither life nor death, nor things present nor things to come. Oh, for more faith in the God who is love! Do we trust him? Do we really believe that God is love? If God is love, then all his acts and all his dealing with us must be prompted by love, and salvation with all its accompanying blessings is by grace, the gift of God. May every reader of this paper realize in his own experience these blessed truths of divine revelation, *love* and *grace*.

"Awake, Put On Thy Beautiful Garments"

In a sermon at Northfield, the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan of London told how the effort to publish two Sunday newspapers in that city was defeated. "How was the victory gained? It was gained in this way: that for once the church of Christ, not the churches, that is a miserable definition, the church of Christ in England, in all its ramifications, arose from the dust and 'put on her beautiful garments,' and said: 'In the name of God and holiness, quit,' and they quit. And they will do it every time if the church gets together."

There can be no question that here is the solution of all moral questions and the hope